

## Section V

# Communities Are Involved

# Community Justice: A Grassroots Movement

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- ***Reentry Panels***
  - Eight communities have established Offender Reentry Panels using Circle of Support and Accountability to assist reentering offenders.
- ***Victim Impact Panels***
  - DUI Victim Impact Panels are held out of 12 VTDOC offices and 2 local Criminal Justice Centers. Frequency spans from once per month to once per quarter depending on demand.
- ***Reparative Boards/Panels***
  - 35 Reparative Panels operated by 12 local Community Justice Centers and an additional 29 Reparative Panels operated by the Department of Corrections. More than 350 citizen members handling about 1400 cases each year.
- ***Community Justice Centers***
  - Dispute mediation, violations, mentoring, community dialogue. Centers in Burlington, Essex, Winooski, St. Albans, Rutland, Montpelier, Barre, St. Johnsbury, Newport, Hartford, Brattleboro, and Springfield.
- ***Community Group Conferencing***
  - 535 Vermonters have been trained to facilitate community conferences. Conferencing is used by schools, justice centers, Reparative Boards, police departments, and community organizations. 100 Teachers and school paraprofessionals have been trained in the “circle process”.
- ***Work Service to Vermont Communities***
  - Vermont Towns have received 7,256 hours of work, ordered by Reparative Boards in FY2006.

# **Market Research: What the Public Wants**

- ➔ SAFETY from Violent Predators**
- ➔ ACCOUNTABILITY for Violators of the Law**
- ➔ REPAIR of the Damage Done**
- ➔ TREATMENT to Assure Safe Release**
- ➔ INVOLVEMENT of the Community**
- ➔ ASSURANCE of Quality and Efficiency**

# Communities Are Involved

500+ Volunteers on 72 Boards in 45+ Towns (12 Community Justice Centers)

## Grand Isle:

Grand Isle (8 members, 1 board)

## Franklin:

Highgate (11 members, 1 board)

Richford (7 members, 1 board)

St. Albans CJC (16 members, 2 boards) \*\*

## Lamoille:

Cambridge (4 members, 1 board)

Johnson (5 members, 1 board)

Morrisville (11 members, 2 boards)

Stowe (5 members, 1 board)

## Chittenden:

Burlington CJC (29 members, 5 boards) \*\*

Colchester (6 members, 1 board)

Essex CJC (14 members, 1 board)

Milton (8 members, 2 boards)

Shelburne (6 members, 1 board)

S. Burlington (9 members, 1 board)

Williston (6 members, 1 board)

Winooski CJC (8 members, 1 board) \*\*

## Addison:

Middlebury (13 members, 2 boards)

## Rutland:

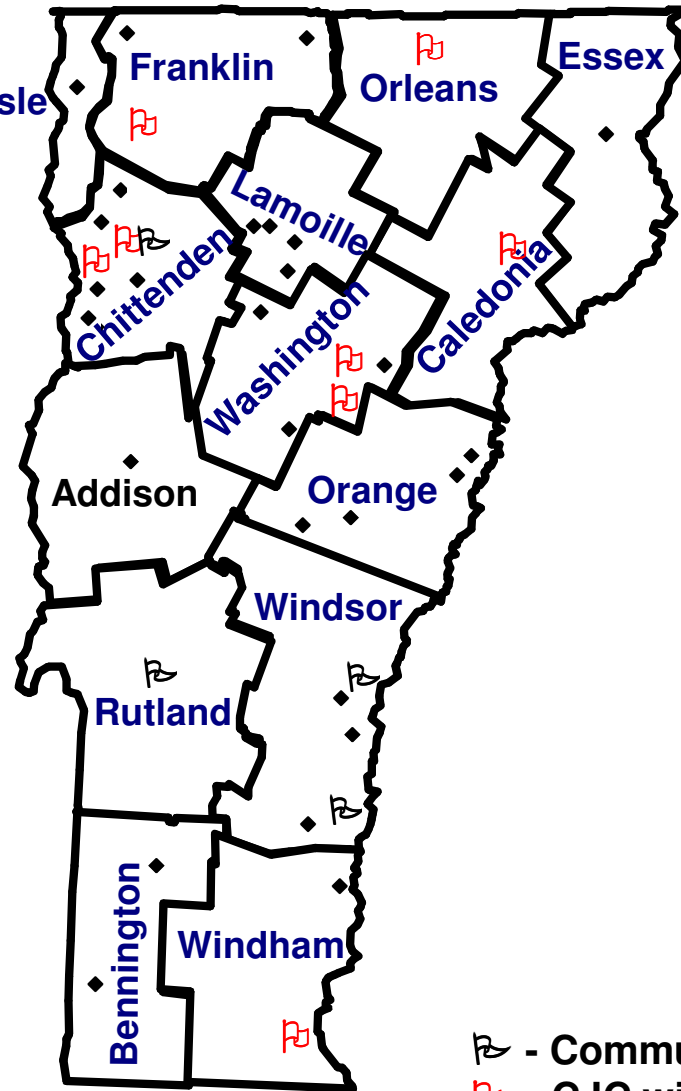
Rutland CJC (38 members, 3 boards)

## Bennington:

Bennington (8 members, 1 board)

Manchester (8 members, 1 board)

Grand Isle



## Orleans:

Newport CJC (20 members, 2 boards) \*\*

## Essex:

Essex County (8 members, 2 boards)

## Caledonia:

St. Johnsbury CJC (29 members, 4 boards) \*\*

## Washington:

Barre CJC (30 members, 4 boards) \*\*

Montpelier CJC (30 members, 4 boards) \*\*

Northfield (6 members, 1 board)

Plainfield (7 members, 1 board)

Waterbury (8 members, 1 board)

## Orange:

Chelsea (2 members, 1 board)

Newbury (4 members, 1 board)

Bradford (3 members, 1 board)

Randolph (6 members, 1 board)

## Windsor:

Chester (4 members, 1 board)

Hartford CJC (3 members, 1 board)

Springfield CJC (4 members, 1 board)

White River Jct (Northern Windsor County;  
6 members, 1 board)

Windsor (5 members, 1 board)

## Windham:

Bellows Falls (5 members, 1 board)

Brattleboro CJC (23 members, 5 boards) \*\*

\*\* indicates "Reentry panels" also

 - Community Justice Center

 - CJC with Reentry program

 - Reparative Board

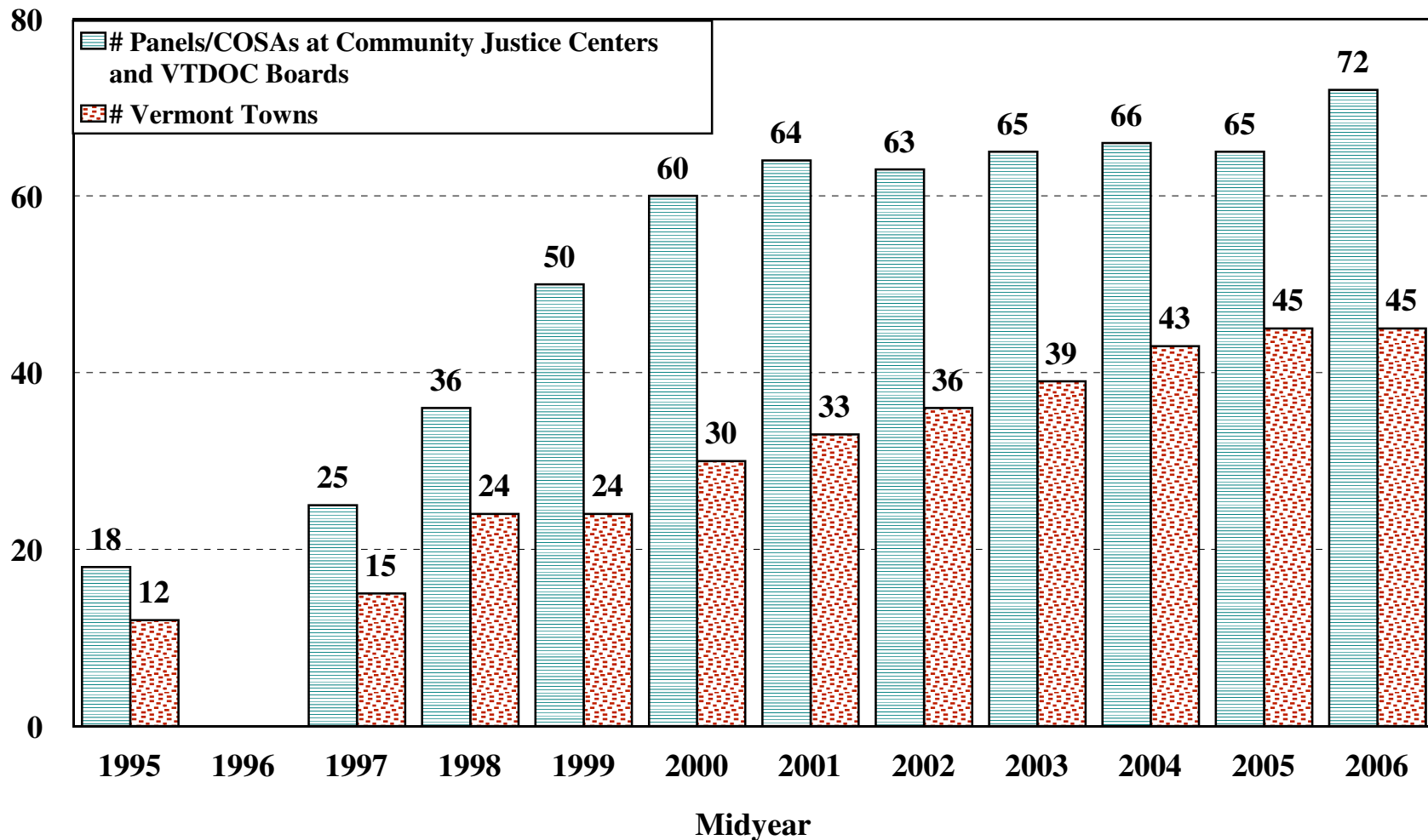
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# Goals of Reparative Probation

- Address the needs of the victims
- Make amends to the community
- Learn about the impact of the crime
- Learn ways to avoid reoffense

# Reparative Boards and Criminal Justice Centers

## Growth in Numbers and Geography



Note: Some Reparative Boards handle cases for offenses committed in more than just the town in which the board/panel meets. The “# Vermont Towns” is approximately counting “host towns”, not all the towns where offenses were committed. “Circle of Support and Accountability” (COSA) are Reentry programs to organize individualized groups to assist reentering offenders reintegrate with their communities.

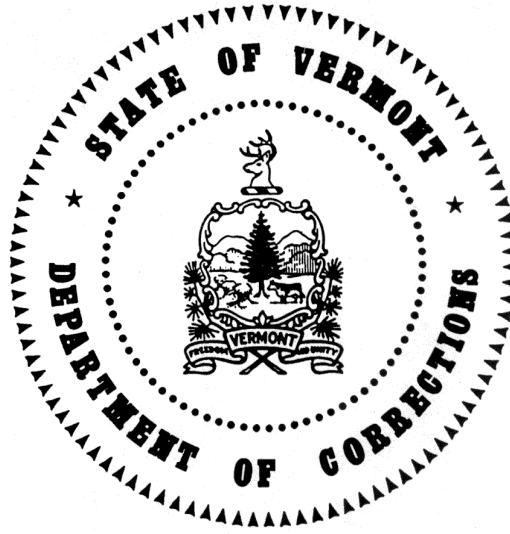
# Community Justice in Vermont

## Progress with Communities

- Established Community Justice Centers
  - Burlington, Essex, Winooski, St. Johnsbury, Newport, St. Albans, Rutland, Montpelier, Barre, Brattleboro, Hartford, Springfield
- Smaller Restorative programs
  - Hinesburg, Shelburne, Bellows Falls, Gilman/Lunenburg, Hardwick
- Planning Grants/Interested Communities
  - Brandon, Bradford, Canaan, Randolph, Windsor

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## FACTS AND FIGURES FY 2006